

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

(Oil Progress Week)

WHEREAS, the entire world -- North America in particular -- is using more oil products than ever before and the demand for petroleum is constantly increasing for domestic and industrial heat, for mechanized farming and for transportation equipment on the seas, in the air, on rails and on highways; and,

WHEREAS, more than 34,000 individual oil companies and more than 400 refineries are progressively seeking new sources of raw petroleum and new methods of making it useable for the expanded needs of modern industry; and,

WHEREAS, it is accepted as fact that national defense in time of war and national progress in time of peace are directly related to conservation and utilization of the natural petroleum deposits on our own and all other continents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of October 16-22, 1949, as OIL PROGRESS WEEK, and I call upon all citizens of South Carolina to join with peoples of other states in observing the occasion with appropriate consideration of the public service the oil men of South Carolina, and their industry, make to our public, social and business life, and do enjoin our citizens to view with appreciation and consideration the untiring efforts of these men under the greatest handicaps to supply our ever increasing demands for petroleum products.

Given under my hand and seal
this 16th day of September in
the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Forty-Nine.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor